



STAFF REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2016

To: Town Council

From: Town Manager

Subject: Town of Loomis Water Management Program

Date: June 6, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

Hear Presentation, Open Public Comment and Direct staff regarding implementation of the attached Water Management Program and Implementation of a Policy for Operation of the Spray Pad at Blue Anchor Park.

DISCUSSION:

Despite the recent rains, California remains in a severe drought. Town staff has been implementing the attached "Town of Loomis Water Management Program" since 2014.

Staff recommends the Council discuss the attached program and direct staff to continue to implement it. Last year, the Town Spray Pad was not turned on. Staff recommends the Council discuss allowing a minimal use of the Spray Pad this summer. It should be noted, the Del Oro pool has not been completed as of the date of this staff report, so there are limited private locations/pools where people can cool off. Staff connected the spray Pad for the June 3, 2016 Friday Night Fest at the Depot. Approximately ____ gallons were used between 6 pm and 9 pm.

CEQA :

The proposed Water Management Program is exempt from CEQA.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no significant financial impact to the Town at this time.



Town of Loomis Water Management Program

- Eliminate or reduce washing sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, patios and other exterior paved areas by direct hosing, except as may be necessary to prevent or eliminate materials which are dangerous to the public health and safety.
- Eliminate lawn sprinkling and irrigation which allows water to run off or overspray the lawn area.
- Eliminate sprinkling and irrigation of lawns, ground cover, or other plants between the hours of ten a.m. and six p.m. to reduce evapotranspiration.
- Maintain mulch around trees and plants
- To eliminate runoff, set the irrigation timer to cycle 2-4 start times (no longer than 5 minutes each), 1 to 2 hours apart to allow water to soak into the soil. For example: water 3 times for 5 minutes, instead of 15 minutes all at once.
- Adjust the watering times (number of minutes) and the frequency of watering (daily, twice a week, etc.) based on weather conditions and seasonal differences.
- Allow the grass to grow slightly taller will reduce water loss by providing more ground shade for the roots and by promoting water retention in the soil.
- Aerate in the spring and fall to loosen soil and reduce runoff.

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Spray Pad Options:

- Continue non-operation
- Reduce days of operation
- Reduce Spray Pad hours - noon to 6 pm (6 hours), or 6 -9pm (3 hours) on Friday nights.
- Reduce time of spray pad running from 3 minutes per trigger to 1 minute per trigger